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Title: LAMP CAP, ASSEMBLY OF LAMP BURNER AND LAMP CAP, AND METHOD  
OF FASTENING A LAMP

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows, where marked-up  
versions of the amended claims 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 are attached as  
Appendix A:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 3. (Amended) An arrangement of a lamp burner and a lamp cap as  
2 claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is  
3 fixedly connected to the springs, at least one spring leg (4) in  
4 the connected state being subject to a force which is directed in  
5 the displacement plane perpendicularly to the direction of the  
6 degree of freedom.

1 4. (Amended) An arrangement of a lamp burner and a lamp cap as  
2 claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is  
3 fixedly welded to the spring cup in its holder.

1 5. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp in a lamp cap which  
2 comprises a spring cup as defined in claim lone of the claims 1,

3 wherein the lamp is first aligned with reference to the lamp cap  
4 and is subsequently fixedly connected to the spring cup,  
5 characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is aligned in the  
6 displacement plane and is kept in the aligned position until it has  
7 been fixedly connected to the spring cup.

1 9. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp burner as claimed in  
2 claim 1, characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is aligned along  
3 at least six axes.

Respectfully submitted,

Appendix A

Version with Markings  
to Show Changes Made to the Claims

The following are marked up versions of amended claims 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9:

1 3. (Amended) An arrangement of a lamp burner and a lamp cap as  
2 claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, characterized in that the lamp  
3 burner (1) is fixedly connected to the springs, at least one spring  
4 leg (4) in the connected state being subject to a force which is  
5 directed in the displacement plane perpendicularly to the direction  
6 of the degree of freedom.

1 4. (Amended) An arrangement of a lamp burner and a lamp cap as  
2 claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized  
3 in that the lamp burner (1) is fixedly welded to the spring cup in  
4 its holder.

1 5. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp in a lamp cap which  
2 comprises a spring cup as defined in claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1~~  
3 ~~and 2~~, wherein the lamp is first aligned with reference to the lamp  
4 cap and is subsequently fixedly connected to the spring cup,  
5 characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is aligned in the  
6 displacement plane and is kept in the aligned position until it has  
7 been fixedly connected to the spring cup.

1 7. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp burner as claimed in  
2 claim 5 ~~or claim 6~~, characterized in that the lamp burner (1) is  
3 aligned along at least one further degree of freedom.

9. (Amended) A method of fastening a lamp burner as claimed in  
claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the  
lamp burner (1) is aligned along at least six axes.